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Re: U.S. Patent Application
Serial No. 10/626,555/Filed July 25, 2003
Inventors: Nicolas ECHES, et al.
Title: Sub-Calibred Projectiles with Multiple Supports
Our Reference No.: 28971.0104

Dear Mr. Chambers:

Thank you for granting an interview this coming Wednesday, March 29, 2006 at 11:00 am with respect to the above cited case.

Enclosed is a proposed amendment to claim 1 in preparation for the interview.

Yours truly,


Tyson Y. Winarski

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Enclosure

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In re Application of:
Nicolas ECHES et al.
Filed: July 25, 2003

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR EXAMINER INTERVIEW

1. (Currently Amended) A sub-caliber projectile comprising:

a sub-caliber penetrator ~~dimensioned to have~~ having a caliber less than the caliber of a gun barrel for firing the penetrator, said penetrator having a lengthwise central axis;

a sabot dimensioned to have a caliber substantially equal to said a gun barrel caliber and comprising at least two segments and surrounding said sub-caliber penetrator, wherein:

each said segment sabot comprises:

a rear support seat located at a rear end of said segment having radial studs of substantially full gun barrel caliber;

a median support seat located near the center of gravity of said sub-caliber projectile, said median support including a push plate of substantially full gun caliber; and

a forward support seat located at a front end of said segment in front of said median support seat, said forward support seat having radial arms of substantially full gun caliber, wherein said segment has a sub-caliber radial extent of some axial length between said median support seat and said forward support seat

~~at least three support seats having said gun barrel caliber and supporting said sub-caliber penetrator adjacent the internal surface of said gun barrel, said support seats including a forward support seat, a median support seat and a rear support seat spaced from one another along said lengthwise axis, and~~

~~said support seat comprises a profile for causing separation of said at least two segments from the sabot upon exiting a barrel.~~